

**FACULTY OF
ARTS AND SCIENCE**

Arts and Science Faculty Council

Minutes of the meeting held December 14, 2018

OPEN SESSION

Present: A. Roy; S. Salari; K. MacKinnon; B. Alsaieq; S. Babarik; C. Belkhodja; P. Biron; E. Bloodgood; W. Brake; S. Cahill; C. Calogeropoulos; J. Camlot; J. Capobianco; E. Chevrier; B. Colwell; M. D'Amico; C. Daniel-Hughes; C. DeWolf; M-F. Dion; A. Furlani; N. Gertler; P. Gossage; P. Gulick; M. Hale; J. Hansen; C. Hyndman; P. Joyce; S. Kennedy; I. Kraulis; K. Kravetz; J. Lefebvre Prevost; D. Liakin; D. Linetsky; C. Martel; V. Martineau; P. Morden; B. Nelson; J. Occhionero; V. Pepin; P. Roy; D. Secko; T. Tower; L. Vilen; M. Zaare

Regrets: ; C. Acland; M. Barker; J. Botsford; B. Caron; G. Carr; A. Champagne; E. Champagne; E. De Martinis; E. Faure; D. Gauvreau; C. Guy; T. Khaner; K. Manning; K. Miller; R. Paquin; V. Penhune; M. Russell; M. Sharma; A. Shepard

Documents Circulated and/or Considered at the Meeting

ASFC 2018-8M A	Department of Education, EDUC-68
ASFC 2018-8M B	Department of Journalism, JOUR-22
ASFC 2018-8M C	Department of Mathematics and Statistics, MATH-29
ASFC 2018-8M D	Department of Mathematics and Statistics, MATH-30
ASFC 2018-8M-E	Département d'Études françaises, FRAN-32
ASFC 2018-8M-F	Department of Religions and Cultures, RELI-55

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called by A. Roy at 10:01 a.m.

2. Approval of the Agenda

ASFC-2018-8M-1 It was moved and seconded (M. D'Amico; P. Morden) that the agenda be approved.

Carried, unanimously

3. Approval of the Minutes of the Meeting held October 19, 2018

ASFC-2018-8M-2 It was moved and seconded (J. Hansen; M-F. Dion) that the minutes be approved.

Carried, unanimously

4. Business Arising from the Minutes

There was none.

5. Presentation by Dr. Nadia Bhuiyan, Vice-Provost Partnerships and Experiential Learning:
Experiential Learning

Vice-Provost Bhuiyan's presentation covered the following items:

- Concordia's definition of Experiential Learning (EL)
- The strategic importance of EL
 - Central to student recruitment – upwards of 70% of students surveyed across Canada stated that EL was the most important component of the academic program;
 - Government priority – the Federal government spent \$73 million to create 10,000 internships and Mitacs spent \$221 million to create 10,000 internships;
 - Employer priority – there was a 24 % increase in the number of co-op enrolments at Concordia last year;
 - According to a survey, EL is Concordia students' number one priority for improving their learning experience.
- Concordia's vision for EL
- The EL logo
- A mapping exercise of EL showed six ways of learning:
 - Course-based e.g. Capstone, Labs
 - Work-integrated
 - Research-based
 - Community-based
 - International e.g. Intern abroad, Field schools
 - Student Life

The mapping exercise showed that Concordia University is comparatively more experiential vis-à-vis other Canadian universities. This is a big attractor for students.

Vice-Provost Bhuiyan reviewed the statistics for FAS, one of the highlights being that FAS is strong in work-integrated learning.

The EL initiatives were presented, which include:

- The EL Web Portal to be launched in Winter 2019;
- The EL Office set to open in Winter 2019;
- Riipen – an EL digital platform that matches business partners with students to meet student learning objectives and allow businesses to scope out talent;
- An agreement signed with Mitacs to pay for fifty international research internships;

- Co-op (ACE, Research, CEO Shadowing Program);
- 4TH Space – a showcase of research initiatives through a living lab/museum-type format;
- The SHIFT Centre for Social Transformation, which offers multi-disciplinary, multi-stakeholder large-scale projects that address society's major challenges;
- The Cities Cluster, which intends to build a community around a cities theme and which will position Concordia as a hub of cities expertise e.g. Montreal 2050.

Question: W. Brake asked what the selection process was for Mitacs. Vice-Provost Bhuiyan explained that there is a set of criteria, including a minimum GPA and Canadian citizenship or permanent residency.

V. Martineau asked if there were any restrictions on how the funding received from Mitacs is spent. Vice-Provost Bhuiyan answered that there were none.

C. Belkhodja asked for more information regarding the SHIFT consultations, specifically their schedule. Vice-Provost Bhuiyan explained that her office had identified constituents to discuss with and consultations would start at the end of January/beginning of February. She also offered that there would be Town Halls occurring at the end of January as well as February and March for all faculty, staff and students across Concordia.

6. Presentation by Vincent Martineau, PSI Project Coordinator: International Graduate Summer Schools

V. Martineau presented the International Graduate Summer Schools (IGSS), which compress an entire semester of study into one to two weeks of learning around a common theme. The IGSS focus on the student experience and their learning outcomes.

V. Martineau reviewed the statistics resulting from the IGSS 2018 including:

- The number of summer schools
- The nationality of participants
- The academic institutions represented

A survey was conducted at the end of the IGSS which yielded positive results. The successes of the IGSS were reviewed, including:

- The high calibre of students
- Very positive student feedback
- A strong interest for Concordia professors to participate in IGSS

The objectives and opportunities for IGSS 2019 and were also presented.

Question: E. Chevrier asked if part-time faculty were invited to participate in IGSS in any capacity i.e. the kind of relationships that could be formed. V. Martineau explained that this was possible as long as approval was received from the Chair of the Department.

J. Lefebvre-Provost asked what the outreach efforts are and whether there are any plans to conduct targeted outreach programs, as numbers are low in some areas. V. Martineau explained that the IGSS rely on the professors' networks and that reaching out to students directly is

difficult though they are working with mailing lists and communication services within Concordia.

Dean Roy shared that he is grateful to the faculty members who have committed to the IGSS and have made it a success. The process of reviewing the proposals for IGSS 2019 has begun. Dean Roy confirmed that up to seven IGSS will be offered.

7. Remarks of the Chair

Dean Roy announced that the Research and Graduate Studies portfolio will now be carried under two separate mandates. Two new Associate Deans will be starting on January 1st, 2019:

- Dr. Patrick Leroux as Associate Dean, Research
- Dr. Francesca Scala as Associate Dean, Graduate Studies

This move supports the FAS's desire to "Grow Smartly" and emphasize graduate student recruitment and experience. It also supports the Strategic Direction to "Double Our Research" by providing an entire mandate dedicated to its promotion.

Dean Roy spoke of President Shepard's decision to accept the position of President and Vice-Chancellor at Western University after successfully raising Concordia University's reputation as a stronger player in higher education over the past seven years. A search committee is being assembled to find a successor.

The FAS is doing well with respect to graduate enrollment and has seen a gain of 3% compared to two years ago. Funding awards for Doctoral students will increase in 2019 to \$14,000 from \$10,800 and will be provided for four years rather than the current three-year period. This will increase the competitiveness of the FAS when recruiting graduate students.

One of the FAS's priorities in the short term is Strategic Enrollment Management (SEM) due to the changes in the provincial government funding structure. A collective effort will be required.

Dean Roy provided an update on the CRC Call for LOIs. Seven Chairs are available, including five SSHRC, one NSERC and one CIHR. So far, the FAS has received twenty-two NOIs. Eight proposals will be selected and moved to the URC. Dean Roy commended all submitters for their ideas and enthusiasm.

8. Consent Agenda

a. Undergraduate Curriculum

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b. Graduate Curriculum

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ASFC 2018-8M-3 It was moved and seconded (P. Joyce; J. Camlot) that the consent agenda be approved.
Carried, unanimously

9. Announcements

Announcements were made by:

University Communications Services – FAS (T. Tower)

10. Question Period

There was none.

11. Other Business

There was none.

12. Notices of Motion

There were none.

13. The next meeting of Faculty Council will be held January 25, 2019 in GE-110.

14. Adjournment

ASFC 2018-8M-4 It was moved and seconded (P. Joyce; J. Capobianco) that the session be adjourned at 11:10 a.m.
Carried, unanimously